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HAGUE 2403 (DTG 061300Z MAY 77), (C) THE HAGUE 1402 (DTG
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1. REFTELS, FIRST OF WHICH DISPATCH MARCH 18, INDICATED
WE MAY BE FACING SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN SECURING GON PERMISSION
FOR NPW VISITS TO DUTCH PORTS ON TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO US.

2. INITIALLY THERE SEEMED SUFFICIENT TIME TO WORK THINGS
OUT, GIVEN OUR INTENTION NOT TO HAVE ANY NPW VISIT UNTIL
PORT CALL NOV 7-11 OF USS BLUEFISH (REF C). OUR REQUEST FOR
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NPW VISIT JULY 23-27 OF USS BILLFISH, HOWEVER, LEAVES US
WITH CONSIDERABLY LESS TIME TO WORK OUT PROBLEM AND PUTS ISSUE
ON FRONT BURNER.

3. WE HAVE INFORMAL INDICATIONS THAT GON MINISTRIES INVOLVED
MAY AGREE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS ON PACKAGE OF CONDITIONS FOR
BILLFISH VISIT. ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THESE CONDITIONS

WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE DUTCH INITIALLY SOUGHT TO APPLY TO
HMS SOVEREIGN AND WHICH WE ASSUME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE
TO US.

4. IT WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, BE TACTICALLY DESIRABLE TO MAKE
CLEAR TO DUTCH OFFICIALS INVOLVED THAT ANY SUCH PACKAGE OF
CONDITIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO US. FOR MAXIMUM EFFECT,
THIS SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE DUTCH HAND US THEIR CONDITIONS.
CONVEYING OUR STRONG VIEWS NOW WOULD TEND TO STRENGTHEN THE
HANDS OF THOSE NAVY AND MFA OFFICIALS WHO STRONGLY FAVOR VISIT
ON CONDITIONS PALATABLE TO US. ABSENT ANY GUIDANCE, WE HAVE
NOT BEEN ABLE TO WEIGH IN AUTHORITATIVELY WITH THE DUTCH.

5. WE ARE READY AND EAGER TO OPEN DISCUSSION WITH DUTCH WITH
A VIEW TO SECURING MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS FOR BILLFISH
VISIT AND SUBSEQUENT NPQ PORT CALLS. TIME IS NOW OF THE
ESSENCE. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ASAP AND FILL-IN ABOUT
STATUS OF OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH BRITISH AND WHETHER WASHINGTON
ALSO INTENDS TO TAKE UP THIS MATTER IN NATO CONTEXT. IN THIS
CONNECTION, BRITISH EMBASSY HERE, FOR UNDERSTANDABLE REASONS,
HAS BEEN HIGHLY INTERESTED AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH
WITH US.
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